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Annotations

1. Election of officers

Rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council provides that, at the commencement of the first meeting of a regular session, the Commission shall elect, from among the representatives of its members, a Chair and such other officers as may be required. In previous sessions, the Commission elected, in addition to a Chair, four Vice-Chairs, one of whom also served as Rapporteur.

In its resolution 1997/63, the Council decided on the following future arrangements for the election of the Bureau of the Commission in order to implement the

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provisions of paragraph 136 of the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21:

> The Commission, immediately following the closure of a regular session, will hold the first meeting of its subsequent regular session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chair and other members of the Bureau in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council.

On 14 May 2010, the Commission elected László Borbély (Romania) as Chair and Javier Arias (Panama) and Andrew Goledzinowski (Australia) as Vice-Chairs of its nineteenth session. At the same meeting, the Commission decided to postpone the election of the other members of the Bureau to a later date.

The membership of the Commission for its nineteenth session is contained in annex II.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council provides that the Commission shall, at the beginning of each session, adopt the agenda for the session on the basis of the provisional agenda.

In its decision 2010/234, the Council took note of the report of the Commission on its eighteenth session and approved the provisional agenda for its nineteenth session.

3. Thematic cluster for the implementation cycle 2010-2011 — policy session:

(a) Transport

(b) Chemicals

(c) Waste management

(d) Mining

(e) A 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns.

In its resolution 2003/61, the Economic and Social Council decided that the organization of work of the Commission should contribute to advancing the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Plan of Implementation) at all levels. In the same resolution, the Council also decided that in order to fulfil its mandate, the work of the Commission would be organized in a series of two-year action-oriented implementation cycles, which would include a review session and a policy session. The cycles would function as follows:

(a) The Commission's review sessions, to be held in April/May for a period of two to three weeks in the first year of the cycle, would undertake an evaluation of progress in implementing Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, while focusing on identifying constraints and obstacles in the process of implementation with regard to the selected thematic cluster of issues for the cycle;

(b) The review sessions would include a high-level segment, an exchange of regional experiences, dialogues with experts, including scientific experts, and sharing of best practices and lessons learned, with a view to facilitating implementation and capacity-building activities, such as learning centres and partnership fairs;

(c) The review sessions would undertake the above-mentioned evaluation on the basis of:

(i) The Secretary-General's state of implementation reports, which should reflect overall progress in the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, based on information provided in country reports and reports of United Nations organizations and bodies, as well as on information from regions and subregions, as appropriate, and major groups. In addition, the Secretary-General's state of implementation reports should contain a detailed review of progress of implementation in the selected thematic cluster of issues for the cycle at all levels, and should also reflect new challenges and opportunities related to the implementation of Agenda 21;

(ii) The contributions of United Nations agencies, programmes and funds, the Global Environment Facility and international financial and trade institutions;

(iii) The outcomes of regional and subregional meetings and activities, as appropriate;

(iv) The contributions of major groups, including scientific experts, as well as educators, taking into account paragraphs 139 (g) and 149 (c) and (d) of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, on their results-oriented activities concerning the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation;

(d) The review session evaluation should enable an improved understanding of priority concerns in the implementation of the selected thematic cluster of issues and facilitate an effective policy discussion in the course of the policy year with a view to strengthening implementation in those areas;

(e) The outcome of the review session would be a report, including a summary by the Chair, identifying constraints and obstacles and possible approaches and best practices for the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation.

In the same resolution, the Council also decided to adopt a multi-year programme of work of the Commission for the period after 2003. For the period 2010-2011, the multi-year programme of work is as follows:

Thematic cluster	*Cross-cutting issues*
Transport Chemicals Waste management Mining 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns	Poverty eradication; changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production; protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development; sustainable development in a globalizing world; health and sustainable development; sustainable development of small island developing States; sustainable development for Africa; other regional initiatives; means of implementation; institutional framework for sustainable development; gender equality; and education

The Council also decided that the implementation of the programme of work would be guided, inter alia, by the following considerations:

(a) The review and evaluation of the implementation of actions, commitments and targets would be dealt with in accordance with the relevant provisions of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation and the decisions of the Commission. The thematic clusters should be addressed in an integrated manner, taking into account the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. Recognizing that all the issues identified in Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation are important, the implementation process should cover all those issues equally, and the selection of some issues during a given cycle does not therefore diminish the importance of the commitments undertaken with respect to the issues to be considered during future cycles;

(b) Means of implementation, as identified in Agenda 21 and chapter X of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, should be addressed in every cycle and for every relevant issue, action and commitment;

(c) Other cross-cutting issues, as referred to in the annex to Council resolution 2003/61, should also be addressed in every cycle;

(d) African and other regional initiatives, as well as initiatives on small island developing States and least developed countries, would be considered in every cycle with respect to all relevant issues, actions and targets;

(e) The Commission should focus on those issues where it could add value to intergovernmental deliberations on cross-sectoral and sectoral issues, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 47/191, in particular its paragraphs 3 (h), 21 and 23, as well as paragraph 139 (f) of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on an overview of progress towards sustainable development: a review of implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (E/CN.17/2011/__)

Report of the Secretary-General on policy options and actions for expediting progress in implementation: interlinkages and cross-cutting issues (E/CN.17/2011/3)

Report of the Secretary-General on policy options and actions for expediting progress in implementation: transport (E/CN.17/2011/4)

Report of the Secretary-General on policy options and actions for expediting progress in implementation: chemicals (E/CN.17/2011/5)

Report of the Secretary-General on policy options and actions for expediting progress in implementation: waste management (E/CN.17/2011/6)

Report of the Secretary-General on policy options and actions for expediting progress in implementation: mining (E/CN.17/2011/7)

Report of the Secretary-General on policy options and actions for expediting progress in implementation: a 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns (E/CN.17/2011/8)

Note by the Secretariat on the outcomes of the regional implementation meetings (E/CN.17/2011/__)

Note by the Secretariat on the draft programme of work for the biennium 2012-2013 for the Division for Sustainable Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (E/CN.17/2011/11)

Note by the Secretariat on priorities for action of major groups (E/CN.17/2011/12)

Report on the intersessional consultative meeting on solid waste management in Africa (Rabat, November 2010) (E/CN.17/2011/15)

Report on the intersessional senior expert group meeting on sustainable development of lithium resources in Latin America: emerging issues and opportunities (Santiago, November 2010) (E/CN.17/2011/16)

Background papers (for information only, to be made available in the language of submission and posted on the following website: www.un.org/esa/dsd/resources/res_docucsd_19.shtml)

5. Provisional agenda for the twentieth session of the Commission

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Secretary-General shall submit a draft provisional agenda for the Commission's subsequent session, indicating in respect of each agenda item the documents to be submitted under that item and the legislative authority for their preparation, in order to enable the Commission to consider the documents from the point of view of their contribution to the work of the Commission and of their urgency and relevance in the light of the current session.

By its decision 2009/235, the Council decided that the nineteenth session of the Commission (the policy session) should take place from 2 to 13 May 2011. In its decision 2010/234, the Council took note of the report of the Commission on its eighteenth session and approved the provisional agenda for its nineteenth session.

6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its nineteenth session

In accordance with rule 37 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission reports to the Council on the work of each session.

Annex I

Proposed organization of work for the nineteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development

The proposed organization of work for the nineteenth session of the Commission has been prepared on the basis of informal consultations conducted by the Bureau and is set out below.

Date/time	*Agenda item*	*Programme*
Week of 2-6 May		
Monday, 2 May		Opening of the session
10 a.m.-1 p.m.		Plenary
	1	Election of officers
		Opening remarks by the Deputy Secretary-General
	2	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	3	Introduction of the Chair's draft negotiating document
		Statements by regional/interest groups
3-6 p.m.	3 (*continued*)	General comments on the Chair's draft negotiating document
Tuesday, 3 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.	3 (*continued*)	Parallel negotiations: Working Group 1 and Working Group 2
Wednesday, 4 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.	3 (*continued*)	Parallel negotiations: Working Group 1 and Working Group 2
Thursday, 5 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.	3 (*continued*)	Parallel negotiations: Working Group 1 and Working Group 2

Date/time	*Agenda item*	*Programme*
Friday, 6 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-5.30 p.m.	3 (*continued*)	Parallel negotiations: Working Group 1 and Working Group 2
5.30-6 p.m.	3 (*continued*)	Reporting by working groups on the progress in negotiations
Week of 9-13 May		
Monday, 9 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.	3 (*continued*)	Parallel negotiations: Working Group 1 and Working Group 2
Tuesday, 10 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-5.30 p.m.	3 (*continued*)	Parallel negotiations: Working Group 1 and Working Group 2
5.30-6 p.m.	3 (*continued*)	Reporting by working groups on the progress in negotiations
Wednesday, 11 May		**High-level segment**
10 a.m.-1 p.m.		Opening of the segment
		General statements
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	3 (*continued*)	Parallel Ministerial round tables 1 and 2 (*topics to be decided*)
Thursday, 12 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3 (*continued*)	Parallel Ministerial round tables 3 and 4 (*topics to be decided*)
3-6 p.m.	3 (*continued*)	Ministerial round table 5
Friday, 13 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3 (*continued*)	Multistakeholder dialogue on "The way forward"
3-6 p.m.	3 (*continued*)	Presentation of the final decision text of the nineteenth session of the Commission
		Adoption of decisions of the nineteenth session of the Commission
	4	Other matters
	5	Provisional agenda for the twentieth session of the Commission

Date/time	*Agenda item*	*Programme*
	6	Adoption of the report of the Commission on its nineteenth session
		Conclusion of the nineteenth session of the Commission
		First meeting of the twentieth session of the Commission
		Election of the Bureau of the twentieth session of the Commission

Annex II

Membership of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its nineteenth session

Algeria
Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina
Australia
Bahamas
Bangladesh
Belarus
Belgium
Benin
Brazil
Canada
China
Colombia
Côte d'Ivoire
Cuba
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Denmark
Eritrea
Estonia
Ethiopia
France
Gabon
Germany
Israel
Kazakhstan
Kyrgyzstan
Latvia
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Luxembourg
Malawi
Malaysia
Mauritius
Mongolia
Namibia
Netherlands
Nigeria
Norway
Pakistan
Panama
Peru
Philippines
Romania
Russian Federation
Saudi Arabia
Switzerland
Thailand
Togo
Ukraine
United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
United States of America
Uruguay
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)